

and fair promises of a premium for his release, the old bawd ordered her bully to carry it to a neighbouring jeweller, and if in bed to call him up; the jeweller, as soon as he had examined the ring, stood amazed; and enquiring, with his eyes fixed on the fellow, whom he had got in his house that could be owner of so valuable a ring? and being told it was a black looking ugly son of a w--e, who had no money in his pocket, and was obliged to pawn his ring, the jeweller replied, this ring is so immensely rich, that no man in this nation can afford to wear it except the king, and was resolved to be fully satisfied of so extraordinary an affair. As soon, therefore, as he entered the room, he fell upon his knees, and with the utmost respect presented the ring to his majesty; this brought the old bawd and the bully upon their knees, to beg pardon most submissively; the king, in the best natured manner, forgave them, and laughing, asked them, whether the ring would not bear another bottle?

#### SPRINGFIELD, October 7.

We hear from West Suffield, that one day last week, as Mr. Rice of that place, was setting a new mill to work, a number of his children came round to see it; the top of the mill, as soon as it began boiling, flew off, by which means three of his children were very badly scalded, one of them expired in a few hours after, the other two it is hoped are in a fair way of recovery.

#### NEW-YORK, October 1.

Five English packets are stationed in future to pass in constant succession from Falmouth to New-York: and the ministry of France have established 5 packets to sail in continued rotation from Port l'Orient, near Brest, to our aforesaid port of New-York; and Hector St. John, Esq; of Goshen in Orange county, is appointed to reside in this city, as consul to his most christian majesty, and also to superintend the 5 French packets, the whole profits of which, and a salary of 24,000 livres a year, are settled on this gentleman.

It is universally believed, that a generous compensation will certainly be granted to the suffering loyalists, none of whom will be allowed to partake who shall remain within the realm of the United States of America, and that the gentlemen and their families, under that description, now resident in England, are to remove next summer to Nova Scotia; the aggrandizement of which country has become a principal object of government's attention.

It is said that East Florida is not to be evacuated, but reinforced with a number of British troops, in consequence of some arrangements with the court of Spain, and that several other cessions will be made for the mutual accommodation of both kingdoms.

Ministers so seriously expect a renewal of the war, that they wish to get rid of America in the most decent manner, as a preparatory measure to engage the house of Bourbon, on terms of more probable success.

Oct. 13. Last Thursday night we had an uncommon high tide, attended with a very hard gale at N. E. sundry cellars on the dock were filled with water, and considerable quantities of sugar, &c. damaged. We are in much pain for sundry vessels that sailed for the eastward some days before.

#### PHILADELPHIA, October 21.

Extract of a letter from Charles-town, South Carolina, dated October 8.

"A strong north-easter has been blowing from the S.W. to the 7th, when it increased to that amazing violence, that many vessels which were anchored in the stream, were in the greatest danger of parting from their cables: indeed, several of the small craft drifted, and were carried a considerable distance on the land: two brigs and several sloops and schooners sunk at the wharfs, and many smaller vessels were entirely lost. Fortunately about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the tide was rising, the wind shifted more northerly, but continued blowing, without any favourable intermission, till seven in the evening, when it came from the north-west, and relieved us from the anxiety we were under for the safety of the town, which must have been destroyed on the water side had the wind shifted to the south-east: the sea was as high in Ashley and Cooper rivers, as I have seen it in a fresh gale at sea. A sloop with two negroes on board, belonging to Mr. Heyward, drifted in the night from her anchors, and it is imagined drove to sea, where she must have perished, as she was light, and had no provisions on board.

"Several lives were lost during the storm, some bodies have been since found along shore. The accounts from the sea-coast are much to be dreaded, as the gale was violent almost beyond description. Some stores that stood exposed are laid in ruins, and many of the wharfs that had been just repaired are much injured.

"Captains Strong and Chalker are arrived: off Cape Hatteras they had a gale for seven hours; the most severe they were ever in, and should any thing have been within side them, they must have gone ashore."

On Friday the 10th instant, the brig New-York, captain Coteau, out 12 weeks from Glasgow, bound to this port, ran ashore near Egg-Harbour, where she soon after went to pieces. The vessel and cargo are entirely lost, but the crew and passengers saved themselves by taking to their boat.

#### UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS, October 7, 1783.

Resolved, That buildings for the use of congress be erected on or near the banks of the Delaware, provided a suitable district can be procured on or near the banks of the said river, for a federal town, and that the right of soil, and an exclusive or such other jurisdiction as congress may direct, shall be vested in the United States.

On motion, Resolved, That the place on the Delaware for the erecting buildings for the use of congress be near the falls.

CHARLES THOMSON, secretary.

A committee is appointed to view the ground, and report the proper place.

#### SAVANNAH, (Georgia) September 4.

To the Inhabitants of Georgia in general,  
I return my sincere thanks for the kind treatment that I have met with since my capitulation; and as it is not in my power to make satisfaction for many injuries done you, I have now, in gratitude for your goodness, come to a resolution of leaving the country as soon as

possible, and whatever mischief may be done from this day forward, it shall not be by me or my orders. I do not pretend to excuse myself, but will own that I have done as bad nearly as my power would allow; but this I can assure you, all good men, that you have men among you called good Whigs, who are as great villains as

Aug. 17, 1783.

HENRY COOPER.

Copied from the original, forwarded by Colonel Stephen Johnston.

#### CHARLES-TOWN, October 4.

Advice is received from West Florida, that a party of refugees, who came from thence into the back parts of this state, and plundered a number of negroes, horses, and other effects, and made their way back again, were pursued and overtaken near Pensacola, and securely delivered to the Spanish governor, with the negroes, who detains them in prison till proper proof can be obtained from their owners in this state, when they will be delivered up, and there is no doubt they will be executed for such daring robberies on the people of this state.

#### RICHMOND, October 18.

On the 8th instant, a most violent gust of wind and rain came on from the N. E. which continued without intermission 24 hours; we have not yet heard of any damage being done in the neighbourhood of this place, or above it; but the accounts from below are truly melancholy; captain Sinclair, his son about nine years old, and three others in a pettauger going from Smithfield to Hampton, were unfortunately overtaken, which proved fatal to captain Sinclair's son, a Mr. Carmichael, of Hampton, and a negro boy. What makes this misfortune more distressing, is, that the fond parent, after using every effort in vain, to save the life of his child, which he had all but effected, was very near losing his own, in the attempt, having sunk twice. A vessel luckily at this dreadful moment got immediately under way, and came up time enough to prevent him and an apprentice from perishing.

At Norfolk the tides rose 25 feet, and has done much damage there and at Portsmouth, to the amount of 3 or 10,000l.

It is feared much mischief hath happened on the coast, as many vessels were expected about the time.

September 26, 1783.

#### FOR SALE,

A TRACT of land, containing 250 acres, lying on Red-Stone, state of Pennsylvania, adjoining Thomas Gift, on the Fort Pitt road; there are about 20 acres of the above land cleared, with 10 acres of meadow ground, and has on it a dwelling house, corn house, spring house, and stable; the soil is nearly equal to any in the country, lays remarkably level, exceedingly well watered and timbered, and within three miles of three grist-mills. Six months credit will be given, on bond with security on interest, for the purchase money. Any person inclinable to purchase may know the terms by applying to Samuel Lyon, sen. near the premises, or the subscriber near Piscataway.

THOMAS TRUNDLE.

Annapolis, October 28, 1783.

To be SOLD or HIRED, by the year or month,

A LIKELY stout young negro fellow, who understands plantation work, and is a tolerable good cook and cooper. Apply to

W. H. M'PHERSON.

Annapolis, October 20, 1783.

ABOUT the middle of December next the subscriber wants to employ an overseer for his Squirrel-neck plantation; it will be necessary for him to read and write, that he may answer to letters about his business, and to have a horse of his own; a single man that is capable of such a trust, and well recommended, may apply to

NICHOLAS MACCUBBIN, sen.

October 29, 1783.

ALL those indebted to the estate of George Wheeler, late of Calvert county, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment; and all those that have claims against the estate are desired to bring their accounts legally proved, that they may be paid.

EDWARD WHEELER, admr.

Annapolis, Maryland, October 23, 1783.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the subscriber, on Monday night the 21d of September last, a BAY HORSE, thirteen hands high, six years old last spring, no brand, paces, trots, and gallops, has a white speck in his right eye next his ear, a small star in his forehead, and was shod all fours when he went away. Whoever secures said horse so that the subscriber may get him again, (or brings him home) if taken up within this state shall have four specie dollars reward, if out of the state eight dollars, and all reasonable charges, paid by JOHN LAYFOLD, in Baltimore, or the subscriber,

FREDERICK GRAMMAR.

Strawberry Hill, near Annapolis, October 7, 1783.

TAKEN up in the mouth of Patapco-river, a painted boat, thirteen feet keel and five feet beam, supposed to belong to some ship. The owner on proving his property and paying charges, may have her from

RICHARD SPRIGG.

#### TEN POUNDS REWARD.

October 16, 1783.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Montgomery county, near the court-house, on the 16th of this instant, a likely mulatto slave named BASIL and it is probable will endeavour to pass by the name of Basil Russell, as a free man; he is about 30 years of age, and about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, of a very fair complexion, with gray eyes, short curly reddish coloured hair, and appears to be growing bald; has a scar on his right cheek just below his ear, and another on his nose, both of which he received by a knife, and are very plain; had on and took with him, an old brown cloth coat, one linen ditto, two waistcoats, three pair of summer breeches, one pair of leather ditto, one pair of country felled cloth ditto of a light colour, one pair of bed tichen overalls, two white linen shirts, one black Barcelona handkerchief, one pair of white yarn stockings, two pair of thread or cotton ditto, a pair of good shoes and black tin buckles, a pair of boot legs which he has ripped down the legs and laces up in imitation of spatterdashies. It is expected he will make for Annapolis, as his mother lives there with Mr. George Mann, and will endeavour to cross the bay, or get to Baltimore, and there get on board some vessel. All masters of vessels are earnestly requested, should such an one endeavour to ship himself on board any of their vessels, to have him apprehended and put in gaol. Whoever takes up the said slave and secures him in any gaol shall receive three pounds reward, if taken fifty miles from home five pounds, and if one hundred miles the above reward, paid by

ALLEN BOWIE, jun.

#### TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

October 18, 1783.

RAN away from the subscriber, living five miles from Annapolis, one from South-river ferry, in Anne-Arundel county, on the 10th of July last, a likely slim, round head, black, young negro fellow, named WILL, about 21 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, flutters very much at times, especially in the word yes, he frequently will repeat the words that are said to him before he can say yes; had on a coarse country linen shirt, but by this time he may have cloaths of different sorts; as for his owning his name or maker that need not be expected, as he will not speak the truth but by chance, and then seems sorry for it, but when talking in his own infernal way he will stand straight and look brazen, and do not contradict him and he will not stutter so bad. Whoever takes up and secures the said fellow, so that the owner may get him again, shall receive if one mile from home four dollars, if twelve miles six dollars, if thirty miles eight dollars, if farther and in the state ten dollars, if out of the state the above reward, and reasonable charges if brought home, paid by

MORDECAI STEWART.

N. B. I have for sale 15 sheep, any one may have them all together.

M. S.

Anne-Arundel county, June 28, 1783.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a petition will be presented to the legislature of this state, at their next session, praying that a law may be enacted for the purpose of levying the sum of fifty-four pounds seven shillings sterling money of Great-Britain, with legal interest thereon since the 15th day of December 1772, upon the inhabitants of the parish of St. Margaret's Westminster, in Anne-Arundel county, being for so much money borrowed at that time of the Rev. Walter Magowan for the purpose of finishing the chapel thereof, and for which bond was given by the then vestry, which money is still due to Mr. Magowan.

RAN away from the subscriber, living on the head of South-river, about four miles from Annapolis, on the 18th day of July last, a lusty young negro wench named BET, about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, 25 years of age, a dark mulatto, she has a very bold impudent look, she has a large scar on one of her arms above her elbow, occasioned by a burn; had on when she went away, a white country linen thread and cotton shift, a white country cotton and yarn petticoat; it is likely she may have changed her cloaths, as she has a great many relations at Mr. Richard Darnall's, who may have supplied her with others. Whoever will take up the said negro and bring her home to the subscriber, shall receive twenty shillings, paid by

NICHOLAS L. DARNALL.

Charles-town, Cecil county, state of Maryland, October 6, 1783.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the inhabitants of Charles-town, and the neighbourhood thereof, intend to petition the next general assembly, for an act to empower some person or persons, inhabitants of said town, to sell what is commonly called the public ground, on the water, and every other public ground in said town, so that neither public or private property may be injured thereby.

THERE is at the plantation of Mr. Thomas Smith Cox, in Prince-George's county, taken up by the subscriber, a dark bay mare, about 13 hands high, with a star in her forehead, but no perceivable brand, about 6 or 7 years old, she is a natural pacer, and appears to be a little hip shot; she has at her side a light bay horse colt, which has also a star. The owner may have them again on proving property and paying charges.

WILLIAM CAGE.

TAKEN up as a stray by George Shelhammer, jun. living near Elk-Ridge, a black horse, not quite 13 hands high, a natural pacer; about 7 years old, he has a small star and several saddle spots, and seems to have been rubbed with the collar. The owner may have him again on proving property and paying charges.